

Youth Advisory Board Minutes
September 6, 2012

Present: Barbara Ruhe, Patty Tiberio, Debra Hammer, Chris Healy, Mary Ellen Gregorio, Sophie Fortunato, Nancy Stilwell (staff)

Absent: Nancy Flynn, George Bashura, Cindy Zuerblis, Junito Mendez, Paul Montinieri (Council Liaison)

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

Minutes of the April meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Administrative:

- It was agreed that there are too many members on the committee which makes it difficult to gather a quorum. Barbara Ruhe agreed to contact Jeff Bridges about changing the composition and having some appointees serve as liaisons rather than voting members. Sophie Fortunato agreed to try to recruit two new youth members.
- Chris Healy was nominated as Vice Chair of the committee, motion by Patty Tiberio, 2nd by Mary Ellen Gregorio. All voted in favor.

Youth Services:

- The dept had a successful Summer Youth Employment Program (YES) with 11 students starting the program and 10 graduating.
- Crossroads registration for the fall session is currently going on.
- JRB continues to function very well.
- Plans for CASAC grant funds were presented: Crossroads, Volunteer Recognition, and programs for the high school and middle school

Future Projects:

- Volunteer Recognition is tentatively planned for May 2, 2013. Nancy Stilwell will call to reserve the room
- Clean up projects will be planned to involve youth in community service this fall. Nancy will talk to Jeff Bridges about possible sites – Marsh St and Spring St being possibilities. Tentative date is Oct 20th, 2012.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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